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Letter dated 29 July 2010 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to refer to paragraph 27 of resolution 1888 (2009) of 30 September 2009, by which the Security Council requested me to continue to submit annual reports to the Council on the implementation of resolution 1820 (2008) and to submit my next report by September 2010 on the implementation of resolution 1888 (2009) and resolution 1820 (2008) to include, inter alia:

(a) A detailed coordination and strategy plan on the timely and ethical collection of information;

(b) Updates on efforts by United Nations Mission focal points on sexual violence to work closely with the Resident Coordinator/Humanitarian Coordinator, the United Nations country team, and, where appropriate, my Special Representative on Sexual Violence in Conflict and/or the Team of Experts, to address sexual violence;

(c) Information regarding parties to armed conflict that are credibly suspected of committing patterns of rape or other forms of sexual violence, in situations that are on the Council's agenda.

As you will be aware, I appointed my Special Representative on Sexual Violence in Conflict on 2 February 2010, and she assumed her functions on 1 April 2010. Since 1 April 2010, essential administrative issues related to the setting up of her Office have been addressed, including bringing on board core staff to enable her to begin working effectively on the substantive agenda of her mandate. Notwithstanding this, my Special Representative has undertaken two field visits, to the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Liberia, to ensure that the forthcoming report to the Security Council contains an informed perspective.

In order to provide the Security Council with a full view of all of the elements requested in paragraph 27 of resolution 1888 (2009), it is anticipated that my report to the Security Council will be issued by 1 December 2010. I therefore respectfully request an extension of the time frame for this report.

I would be grateful if you would bring the present letter to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) **BAN** Ki-moon

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